

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2018-102-S

**IN RE: Application of Kiawah River Utility) AMENDED REQUEST TO WAIVE
Company for Approval of Sewer Rates,) HEARING AND PERMISSION TO
Terms and Conditions)
) SUBMIT PROPOSED ORDER**

Kiawah River Utility Company (“KRUC” or the “Company”) hereby requests that the South Carolina Public Service Commission waive the requirement for a hearing in this proceeding, currently scheduled for November 12, 2019, and authorize the Company and ORS to submit a joint proposed order for final disposition for consideration by the Commission. There are no contested issues between the Company and ORS. A hearing is unnecessary.

The Company initiated this proceeding by filing its application seeking to establish a service area and approval of rates and charges. The Company later also filed a Petition for Approval of certain contracts entered by the Company. After providing the various public notices that were required by the Commission, no person sought to intervene. No opposition has been filed to the relief sought by the Company.

The Company and ORS filed their pre-filed direct testimony with exhibits. The Company filed no prefiled rebuttal testimony because it did not take issue with the prefiled direct testimony of ORS. ORS is not proposing adjustments to the initial tariff requested by the Company.

On October 22, 2019, ORS filed a Joint Stipulation entered by the parties that sets forth their agreement on the matters before the Commission.

S.C. Code Ann Regs 103-803 provides as follows:

In any case where compliance with any of these rules and regulations produces unusual hardship or difficulty, or where circumstances indicate that a waiver of one or more rules or regulations is otherwise appropriate, such rule or regulation may be

waived by the Commission upon a finding by the Commission that such waiver is not contrary to the public interest.

S.C. Code Ann Regs 103-803 (emphasis added).

The Company submits that waiver of the rule requiring a hearing is appropriate since there are no contested issues to decide. A hearing would be an unnecessary burden on the Commission and the parties. Such waiver is not contrary to the public interest.

The Company further requests that the parties be granted permission to submit a proposed order to the Commission no later than November 20, 2019, for disposition of the matter.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons the Company requests the Commission waive the merits hearing and permit the parties to submit a proposed order no later than November 20, 2019, for final disposition to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Representing Kiawah River Utility Company



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